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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/982,347	Applicant(s) HUANG ET AL.	
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 January 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 8-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 8-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

This Office Action is in response to the Applicants' amendment filed January 2, 2004.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 8-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Admitted Prior Art Figures 1-2 in view of Honda et al. (6,069,408)

Admitted Prior Art Figures 1-2 teach a semiconductor package, comprising: a substrate **10** mounted with at least one semiconductor chip **12**; thereon and electrically connected to the semiconductor chip; an encapsulant **19** formed by a molding compound injected into a molding cavity of a mold for encapsulating the semiconductor chip mounted on the substrate; a BGA (ball grid array) semiconductor package; a FCBGA (flip chip ball grid array) semiconductor package; a molding compound of an epoxy resin having low viscosity, high fluidity and small fine filler size; air vents **17** formed in the mold for interconnecting the corner portions of 19 to the outside of the mold; and a molded underfilling technique being employed for injecting the molding compound. However, Admitted Prior Art Figures 1-2 fail to teach a molding cavity

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formed with a plurality of recess portions at corner positions thereof, and the recessed portions are dimensioned to be relatively smaller in height than the molding cavity; and a plurality of outwardly-extending portions located in positions corresponding to the corner positions of the molding cavity. Honda et al. teach a molding cavity 23 formed with a plurality of recess portions at corner positions (left hand side of 23) thereof, and the recessed portions are dimensioned to be relatively smaller in height than the molding cavity; and a plurality of outwardly-extending portions (two angular area, left portion of 23) located in positions corresponding to the corner positions of the molding cavity (Figures 8 and 11, cols. 10 and 12-13, lines 30-62, 39-67 and 1-6, respectively). Since Admitted Prior Art Figures 1-2 and Honda et al. are from the same field of endeavor (semiconductor packages), the purpose disclosed by Honda et al. would have been pertinent in the art of Admitted Prior Art Figures 1-2. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the semiconductor package having air vents in the molding as taught by Admitted Prior Art Figure 1-2 with the semiconductor package having molding cavity formed with a plurality of recess portions at corner positions as taught by Honda et al. to reliability (col. 2, lines 18-23).

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 8-12 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

The following patents are cited to further show the state of the art with respects to semiconductor packages with air vents:

Chun (5,644,169)

Huang et al. (US 6,552,428 B1).

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ida M Soward whose telephone number is 571-272-


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1845. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday, 6:30 am to 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Amir Zarabian can be reached on 571-272-1852. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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